

HO-317, The Tilghman Grocery Store and House
5737-5739 Main St., Elkridge
Surveyed by: Kristin Hill
February 2003

ADDENDUM

Section 3. Owner of Property

Joseph E. and James M. Snodgrass
5705 Landing Road
Elkridge, MD 21705

Section 4. Location of Legal Description

Howard County Courthouse
Ellicott City
Liber 2047, Folio 620
Tax Map 38, Parcel 326

Section 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

X Other Contributing property in the Elkridge Landing Historic Survey District, HO-784

Section 7. Description

Condition: Heavily altered, good
Date: post-1878

This large structure faces north on the south side of Main Street. HO-319 sits only feet away from its western wall and a modern duplex sits to the east. This building, referred to as the Tilghman Grocery Store and House in the original inventory form, has been seriously altered over the years and now serves as an apartment building housing five units. Twin front gabled three-bay, two-story sections face the street and are connected by a one bay wide cross gabled hyphen, the front of which is flush with the front gabled sections. The front gabled sections are four or five bays deep. Attached to the rear of the east-most section is another large two-story cross gabled section that is two bays deep and two bays wide. The frame building has a stone foundation which is currently covered with cement in certain areas; wooden German siding was being covered with vinyl when the building was surveyed in 2003.

Unfortunately, this building has been heavily modernized. All windows have been replaced with double hung 1/1 vinyl units and all the doors are also replacements. Patterned shingles in the two front facing gables which appear in the 1970's photos have been removed or covered, as have the arched four-light windows that also occupied these gables. Contractors working on the building in 2003 stated that these shingles and windows would be replaced with vinyl look-alikes during the course of the renovation. A comparison of the 1970's photos and the existing conditions also reveals that several

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doors which existed in the 1970's have been converted to windows or removed and several window openings have been created where there were none originally.

The two identical front gabled sections are both three bays wide with entries in the central bays flanked by a window on either side in the first story, and three windows across the second story. Single-story pedimented entry porticos with square posts shelter both front entrances. The single-bay cross gabled hyphen has a single window in the first story and an engaged porch on the second story with a modern iron railing.

There is a full basement beneath the eastern most front gabled three-bay section; no other portions of the structure have a basement. Exterior bulkhead access to the basement is located immediately to the west of the eastern most entry door and this access does appear to be original. The basement originally had a dirt floor, most of which has been covered with poured concrete. Inside the basement, two original window openings were observed on the eastern wall; these openings have been blocked with brick and stone and are not visible from the outside. Another window opening is visible on the rear wall. A doorway was broken through the completed western stone wall at some point, probably to provide access to the crawlspace beneath the western portion of the building. The unframed, rough opening goes from floor to ceiling which is interesting since the addition to the west does not have a full basement. This opening has been bricked up with cinder blocks from the floor to about halfway up which is the ground level on the other side of the wall. Many of the floor joists and visible framing members look like they have been replaced.

This building does not show up on the 1878 Hopkins map of Elkridge and a construction date of ca. 1880's-1890's seems appropriate.

Section 11. Form Prepared by

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HOWARD COUNTY
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Account Identifier: District - 01 Account Number - 166794

Owner Information

Owner Name: SNODGRASS JOSEPH E
SNODGRASS JAMES M T/C
Use: COMMERCIAL
Principal Residence: NO
Mailing Address: 5705 LANDING RD
ELKRIDGE MD 21075-5721
Deed Reference: 1) / 2047/ 620
2)

Location & Structure Information

Premises Address

5737 MAIN ST
ELKRIDGE 21075

Legal Description

.334 A
5737 5739 MAIN ST
ELKRIDGE

Map	Grid	Parcel	Sub District	Subdivision	Section	Block	Lot	Group	Plat No:
38	4	326						82	Plat Ref:

Special Tax Areas: Town Ad Valorem Tax Class A/V, METRO FIRE TAX

Primary Structure Built	Enclosed Area	Property Land Area	County Use
0000		14,550.00 SF	
Stories	Basement	Type	Exterior

Value Information

	Base Value	Value As Of 01/01/2003	Phase-in Assessments As Of 07/01/2003	As Of 07/01/2004
Land:	109,100	109,100		
Improvements:	40,000	40,000		
Total:	149,100	149,100	149,100	149,100
Preferential Land:	0	0	0	0

Transfer Information

Seller: SNODGRASS JAMES M	Date: 08/30/1989	Price: \$0
Type: NOT ARMS-LENGTH	Deed1: / 2047/ 620	Deed2:
Seller: GLOTH RICHARD J	Date: 03/18/1981	Price: \$85,000
Type: IMPROVED ARMS-LENGTH	Deed1: / 1046/ 65	Deed2:
Seller:	Date:	Price:
Type:	Deed1:	Deed2:

Exemption Information

Partial Exempt Assessments	Class	07/01/2003	07/01/2004
County	000	0	0
State	000	0	0
Municipal	000	0	0

Tax Exempt: NO
Exempt Class:

Special Tax Recapture:

* NONE *

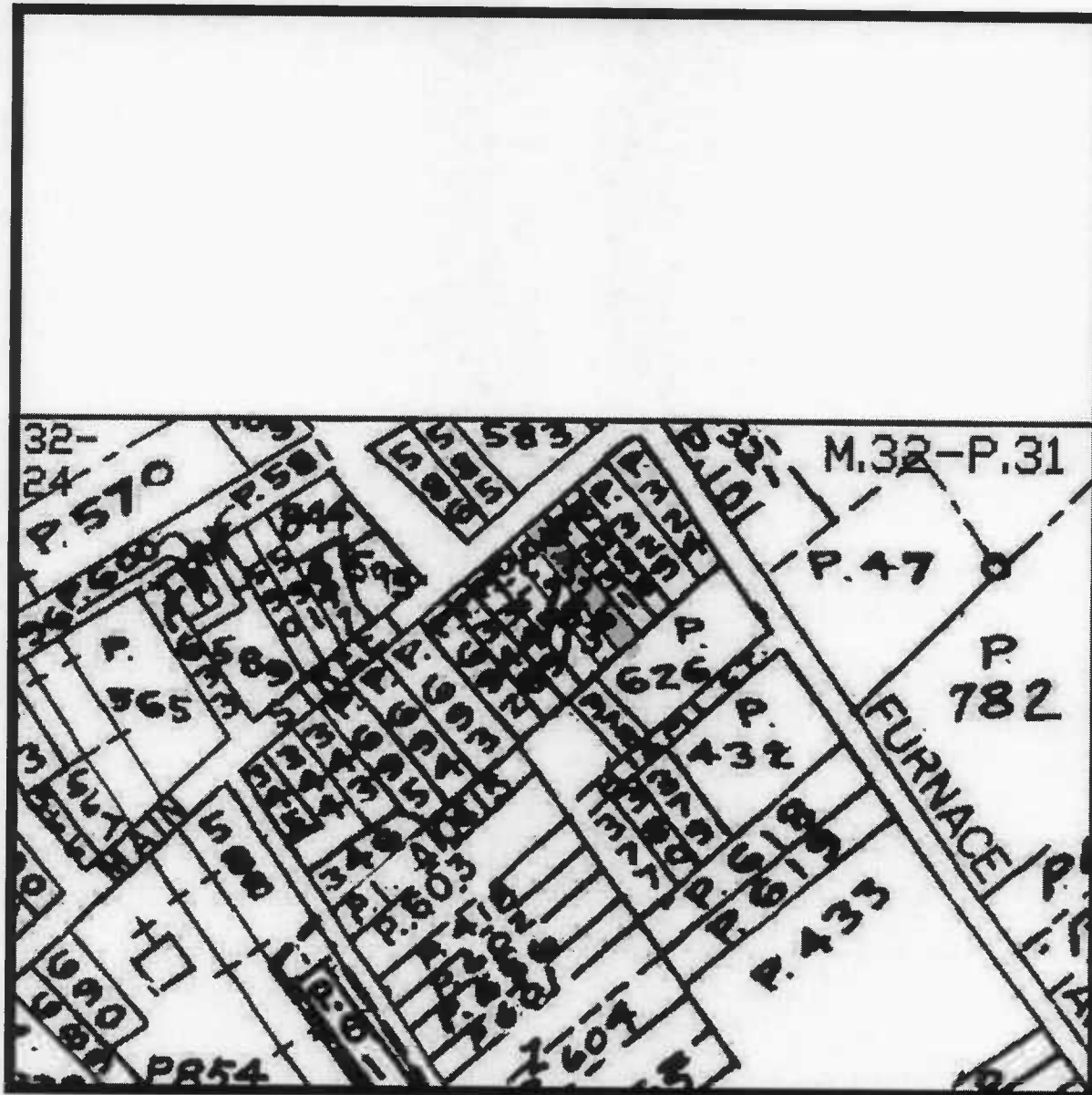
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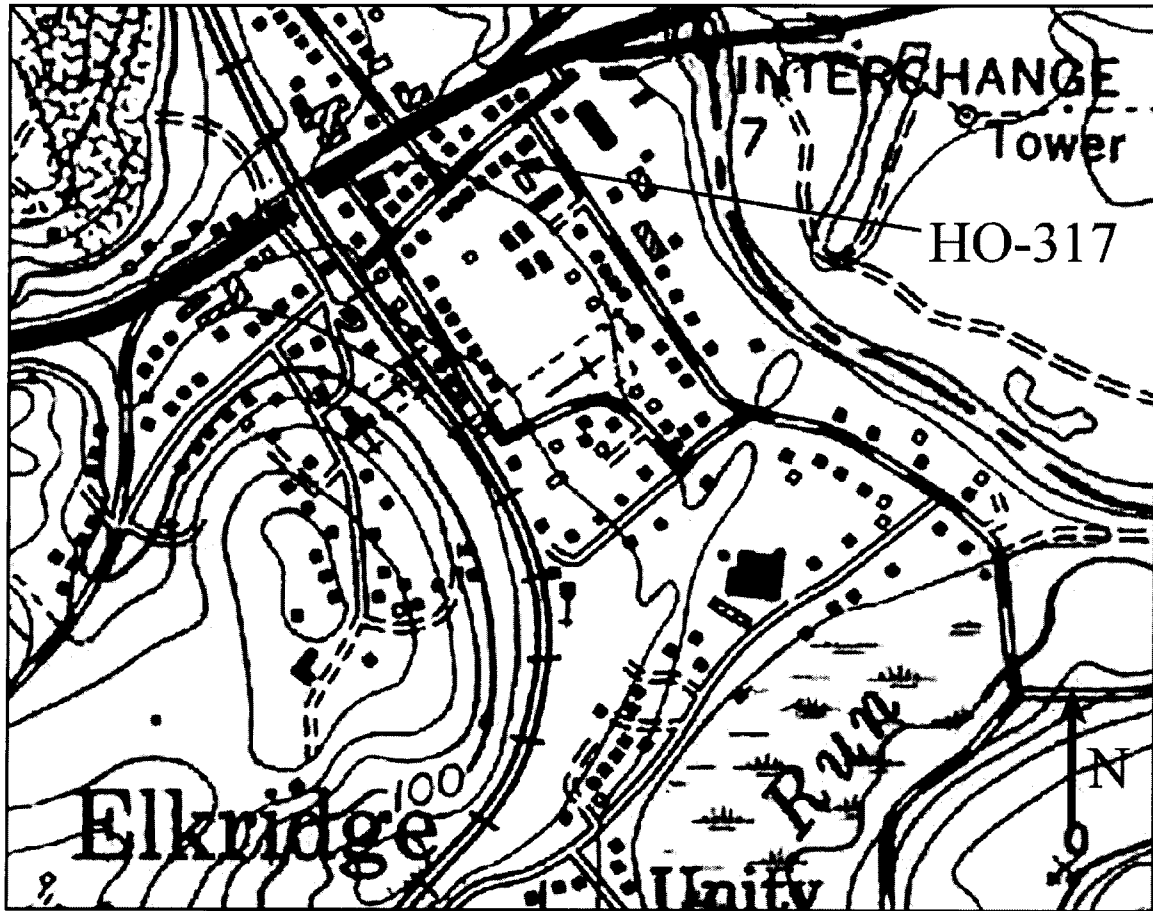
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Elkridge, Howard County, MD
USGS Topographic Quadrangle, Relay
7.5 Minute Series, 1957 (PR 1966 and 1974)



NO-317 The 7th Street Laundry - 1st floor

7:5739 Main St. (Finnish) - 1st floor - 1st

Wood County MS

Vol. 100 - 1st floor

July 2003

NE facade

11-12



HO-317 The Tighman Country House

5737 - 5739 Main St. in the Old Mill Area in Silver Spring

Howard County, MD

Photo by Vernon Hall

February 2001

Program at MD SHPO

South facade

HO-317

The Tilghman Grocery Store and House

Private

Elkridge

Circa 1878

The Tilghman Grocery Store and House Building faces north on the south side of Main Street, just one building west of Pocock's Store II. It is a two bay wide, two bay deep, two story high, gabled roof (running east-west) frame building with square central brick chimney and a two bay wide, one bay deep, one story high, shed roofed appendage running along the building's south elevation, whose south wall holds a four light rectangular entrance, surmounted by a two light transom, flanked by rectangular two-over-two light windows, a similar one of which, also rests in the west wall and another in the east wall.

Extending the house northward from the west side of the houses north wall was constructed a five bay deep, three bay wide, two story high, intersecting gable roof (running north-south) frame store. A second similar building was then constructed west of the first addition, connected by a two story high, intersecting gable (running east-west) section.

The north elevations of the twin gabled additions are identical, featuring central, rectangular entrances, covered by gabled roof porticos, flanked by single six-over-one light windows. Three second floor windows rest above with a double-hung romanesque, two-over-two light attic window encased in the "A" formed by the gable.

Now used as an apartment house, historically the twin gabled additions were used as a grocery store by the Tilghman and P. A. Sybert families.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

HO-317

District 1

MAEI # 1403175611

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

The Tilghman Grocery Store and House

AND/OR COMMON

The Gloth Apartment House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

5737-
~~5733~~ -5739 Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Elkridge, Md. 21227 VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

COUNTY

Howard

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☒ DISTRICT☐ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCES☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mr. Richard J. Gloth

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

5012 Cedar Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Balto., Md. 21207 VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Tax Map. 38 p. 326

Hall of Records

Liber #:

Folio #: 856

248

STREET & NUMBER

Howard County Court House

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Howard County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

1978-1979

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

21 State Circle, Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

7 DESCRIPTIONHO-317
District 1**CONDITION**☒ EXCELLENT☐ GOOD☐ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☐ UNALTERED☒ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED DATE _____

late nineteenth century

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Tilghman Grocery Store and House building faces north on the south side of Main Street, just one building west of Pocock's Store II. It is a two bay wide, two bay deep, two story high, gabled roof (running east-west) frame building with square central brick chimney and a two bay wide, one bay deep, one story high, shed roofed apendage running along the building's south elevation, whose south wall holds a four light rectangular entrance, surmounted by a two light transom, flanked by rectangular two-over-two light windows, one of which also rests in the west wall and another in the east wall.

The west wall of house holds a similar window in the south bay and two second floor windows above, while the east wall holds two first and second floor windows. The north wall holds another four light rectangular entrance, surmounted by a two light transom in its east bay and is covered by a shed roofed open porch held by two square wooden posts. It holds a second floor window above the entrance. Fenestration is rectangular, vertically aligned and double-hung, holding two-over-two lights, in both sections of the house. The front additions were made by Joseph Tilghman, who ran a grocery store here and lived in the house.

He extended the house northward, building a five bay deep, three bay wide, two story high, intersecting gable roof (running north-south) frame additon from the west side of the house's north wall. He connected this addition to a similarly scaled, three bay wide, four bay deep two story high, gabled roof (running north-south) frame addition, by means of a two story high, intersecting gable (running east-west) section, whose south wall holds a six-over-one light first floor window and a one-over-one light second floor window. The south wall of the second matched gable addition holds a three light rectangular central first floor entrance, flanked on the west by a six-over-one light window and on the east by a double four-four light window.

The west wall of this second addition holds two first floor windows, a two-over-two light window in the south bay and a six-over-one light window in the south bay and a six-over-one light windown in the second south bay. An iron fire escape runs along the north half of this wall to a second floor, three light, rectangular entrance flanked on the north by a six-over-one light window and on the south by two such windows.

The east wall of the first addition holds a double four-four light first floor window in this south bay and a six-over-one light window north of it and still further north a two-over-two light window. Five double-hung second floor windows rest above, all holding two-over-two lights except that in the north bay, which holds one-over-one lights.

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A square, tall, brick chimney rises from the center of the east wall of the first addition.

The twin gabled additions, facing north, are identical at this elevation. They hold central rectangular entrancees (that on the west is an open bible and cross paneled door), flanked by single six-over-one light windows and covered by gabled roof porticos, supported by square posts. Three second floor one-over-one light windows rest above with a double-hung romanesque, two-over-two light attic window which is encased in the A formed by the gable, featuring fish scale shingles. The hyphen on the first floor, which lies flush with the north walls of the additions, holds a six-over-one light central window.

Above, the gabled roof serves as a roof for the open second floor porch over the hyphen, which holds a central one-over-one light window and iron balcony railing.

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local History	

SPECIFIC DATES Circa 1878

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Tilghman Grocery Store and house is significant to Howard County and the State of Maryland in the field of local history as the Grocery Store and House of Joseph Tilghman, and architecturally, as a fine example of a twin gabled building, connected to a late nineteenth century residence, connected to one another by an intersecting gabled, two story high hyphen.

Historically, the house was constructed after 1878, for it is not delineated on the Hopkin's Atlas of 1878.

It served as the home of Joseph Tilghman until he bought the building just west of his store in 1896 and made the west side of it his residence, retiring from the grocery business and going into real estate. He pursued this latter endeavor vigorously, constructing homes on the west side of Levering Avenue in the early nineteen hundreds.

Mr. Joseph Tilghman sold the grocery store to P. A. Sybert, father of C. Ferdinand Sybert and grandfather of Neil Sybert, a prominent Ellicott City Attorney.

Here P. A. Sybert and his wife raised a family of nine children. One son became a doctor, two were lawyers and another a newspaper man. Here, too, he conducted his business, using the twin gabled buildings for his grocery store.

Today, it has been converted into an apartment house and generally dominates this south side of Main Street, Elkridge.

Architecturally, it is noteworthy for its symmetry and scale, as well as an outstanding example of thoughtful and considerate enlargement. The twin gables facing Main Street with their Romanesque attic windows and central entrances, covered by gabled roof porticos, enhances the appearance of the streetscape on the south side of Main Street.

A note should be made on C. Ferdinand Sybert, son of P.A. Sybert. He served as Howard County State's Attorney, four years as Maryland Speaker for the House of Delegates, four years as State Senator, and eight years as Attorney General, later serving as Judge of the Court of Appeals.

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For these reasons, this building in conjunction with the Main Street, Elkridge area should be placed on the National Register of Historic places and the State Critical Areas Program.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Interview with Miss Margaret Tilghman at her home on December 5, 1978.
Howard County Land Records

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .33

Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map 38

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Howard County Land Records, Liber 856 Folio 248

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE Maryland COUNTY Howard

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Cleora Barnes Thompson, Archivist

ORGANIZATION

Office of Planning & Zoning-Comprehensive Planning Section 465-5000 x257

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

3450 Court House Drive

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

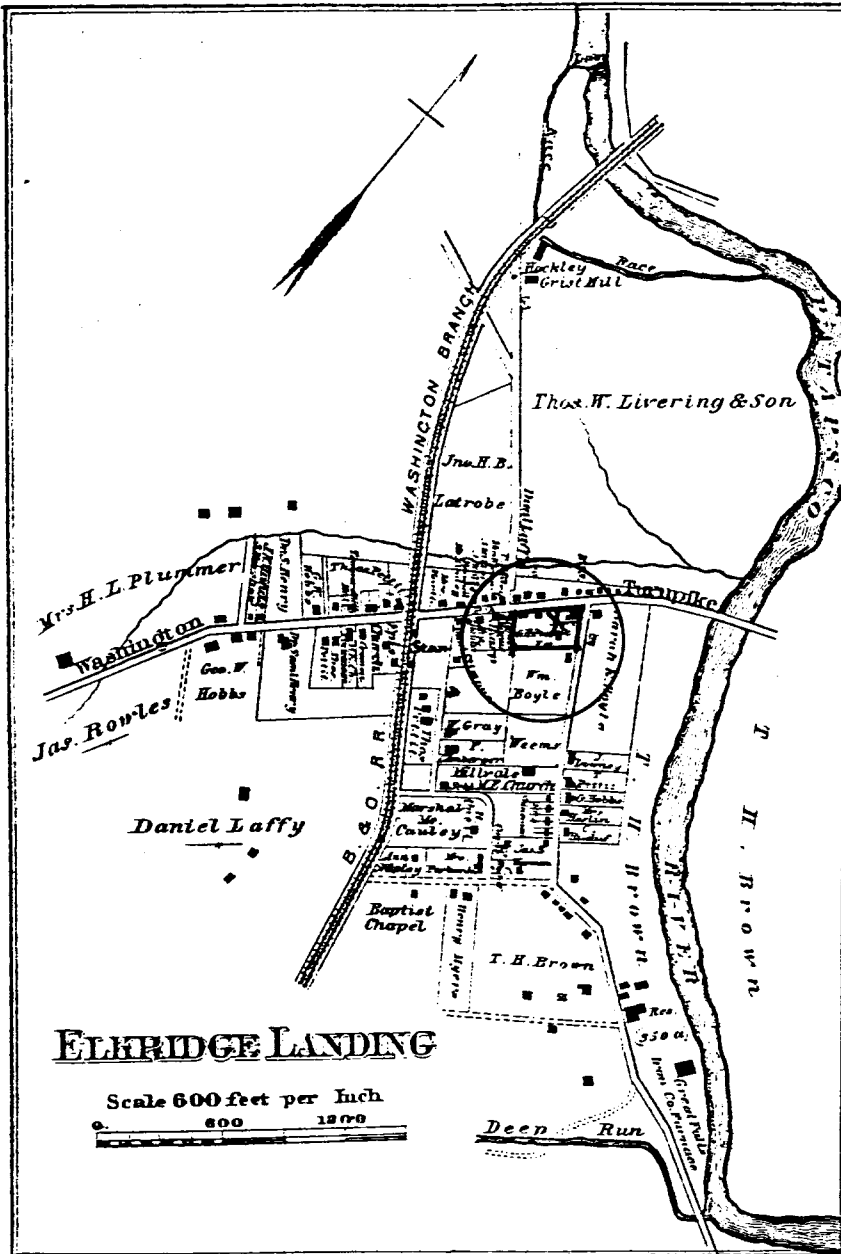
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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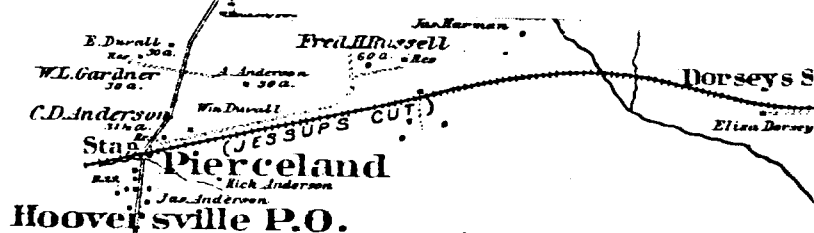
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ATTORNEYS AT LAW.	
ROBERT A. DOBBINS.	
GEORGE W. DOBBINS,	
42 St. Paul street, Baltimore.	
THOMAS M. DOBBINS,	
42 St. Paul street, Baltimore.	
BLACKSMITHS AND WHEEL- WRIGHTS.	
JOHN BRYAN.	
JOHN B. HELM.	
CARPENTER.	
JAMES ROWLES.	
ENGINEER.	
JOHN N. HANDS.	
GENERAL MERCHANTS.	
DANIEL LAFFY.	
MARSHALL McCAULEY.	
JOSEPH H. TALBOT.	
GEORGE W. POCOCK.	
POST MASTER.	
JAMES EARP.	
TINSMITH.	
GEORGE LANOR,	
Tin and Sheet Iron Worker, Roofing and Spouting, etc.	



FIRST DISTRICT HOWARD COUNTY

Scale 3 inches per mile

EXPLANATIONS	
Dist. & Co. Lines
County Roads
Private
Turnpike
Rail Roads
Streams
The figures along the Routes shows the distance in Roads from junction to junction thereof	



Attachment 3

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The Tilghman Grocery Store and
House

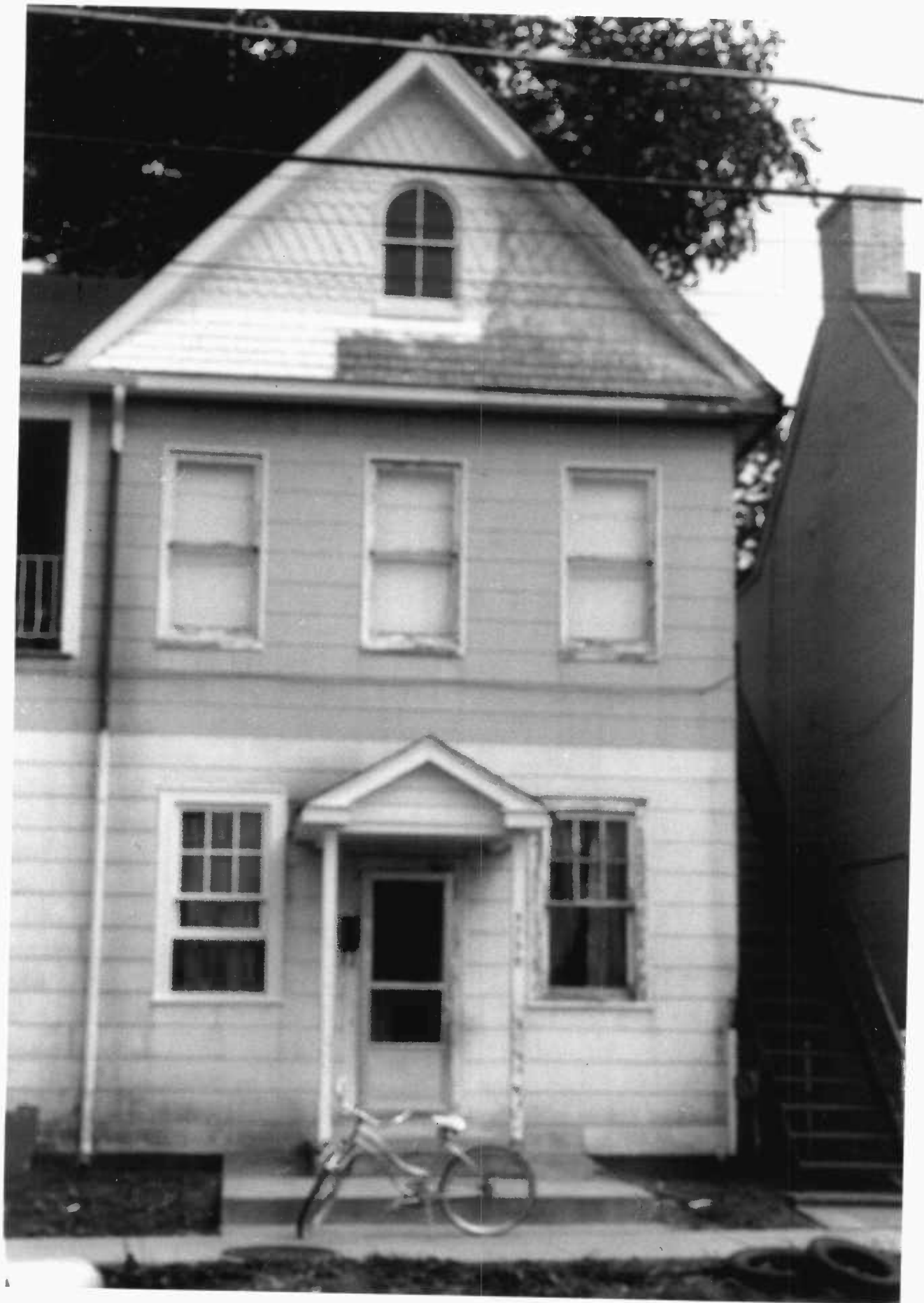
Hopkin's Atlas of 1878

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The Tilghman Grocery Store & House
U. S. Geological Survey Map
Relay, Maryland Quadrangle

The Tilghman Grocery Store & House
U. S. Geological Survey Map
Relay, Maryland Quadrangle



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Store & House
5733 Main St - Elkridge
North ~~est~~
CB Thompson, AICP
December - 1978



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